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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports

SUBJECT : Appreciation

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1. Please express my appreciation and congratulations to [REDACTED] for completing their assigned mission in South Vietnam in a most courageous and exemplary manner.

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2. As you know, this assignment was undertaken in large part on behalf of the Office of National Estimates. Inter alia, we deemed it important to our upcoming estimate on Communist China's Military Establishment to know [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We can now approach the preparation of the estimate with a good deal more confidence, knowing that [REDACTED] traveled all over the country, despite the hazards, to ensure that [REDACTED] were thoroughly analyzed.

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3. [REDACTED] briefing to the Board of National Estimates, for which we were indeed grateful, demonstrated convincingly that he and [REDACTED] are true professionals. It is quite apparent that they fulfilled a difficult and extremely hazardous assignment with skill and efficiency. I am proud to serve in an agency of government which has such fine and dedicated men on call and can profit by their selfless and professional performance.

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